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	Examiner Truc T Chuong	Art Unit 2179	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 August 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 23-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 23-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is responsive to Amendment A, filed 08/04/04.
2. Claims 23-31 are pending in this application. In the Amendment A, claims 23, 27, 28, and 31 are independent claims, claims 1-22 are cancelled, and claims 23-31 are new claims. This action is made final.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 23-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Blasio et al. (U.S. Pub. 2002/0085244 A1).

As to claim 23, Blasio teaches a scanning method, comprising:

displaying a user interface from which one or more of multiple destination devices may be selected to receive data from an input peripheral having a scanning capability (e.g., [0018], [0036], and [0042]);

the input peripheral notifying a selected destination device that the device has been selected to receive data (e.g., [0043]-[[0045]);

in response to the notifying, the selected destination device requesting that the input peripheral begin transmitting data to the selected destination device (e.g., [0045]); and

in response to the requesting, the input peripheral scanning a document and transmitting data representing the document to the selected destination device (e.g., [0045]).

As to claim 24, Blasio teaches the method of claim 23, wherein the input peripheral comprises a scanner or a multifunction peripheral (e.g., [0018] and [0019]).

As to claim 25, Blasio teaches the method of Claim 23, further comprising displaying a user interface from which a resource on one or more of the multiple destination devices may be selected to receive data from the input peripheral and wherein the input peripheral scanning a document and transmitting data representing the document to the selected destination device comprises the input peripheral scanning the document and transmitting date representing the document to a resource on the selected destination device selected to receive data from the input peripheral (e.g., e.g., [0018], [0036], [0042], and [0045]).

As to claim 26, Blasio teaches the method of Claim 25, wherein the resource comprises an application program, a telephone number for a facsimile transmission of the data, an email address to send the data, or a storage location to store the data (e.g., [0020] and [0052]).

As to claim 27, Blasio teaches scanning method, comprising:
displaying a user interface from which one or more of multiple destination devices may be selected to receive data from an input peripheral having a scanning capability and from which a resource on one or more of the multiple destination devices may be selected to receive data from the input peripheral (e.g., [0018], [0036], and [0042]);

the input peripheral notifying a selected destination device that the device and a resource on the device have been selected to receive data (e.g., [0043]-[[0045]];

in response to the notifying, the selected destination device acknowledging a notification from the input peripheral (e.g., [0042]-[0044]); and

in response to an acknowledgement from the selected destination device, the input peripheral scanning a document and transmitting data representing the document to a resource on the selected destination device selected to receive data from the input peripheral (e.g., [0045]).

As to claims 28-31, they are product claims of method claims 23-25, and 27. Note the rejections of claims 23-25, and 27 above respectively.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-22 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Richter et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,678,068 B1) teach destination groups, print jobs, scanners, and GUI (cols. 3-22 and figs. 7-30).

Rothschild et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,678,703 B2) teach destinations, scanned images, Internet, and parameters (cols. 8-33 and figs. 1-10).

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Truc T Chuong whose telephone number is 571-272-4134. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th and alternate Fridays 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather R. Herndon can be reached on 571-272-4136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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